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**BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE:    19 November 2008**

**PLACE:   Department of Business Regulation  
          1511   Pontiac   Avenue,   Building   69,   Conference   Room  
69-1      Cranston, RI 02920**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Messieurs: Smith, Bernardo, Fairbanks, Jr.,  
and Duhamel**

**MEMBER ABSENT: Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr.**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Richard W. Bernstein, Esq.  
                          Neena Savage, Esq.**

**Brian Riggs, Department Budget Administrator  
Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM to commence Board business.

**(1) NEW BUSINESS:**

Secretary Bernardo made a motion to accept the minutes of the 15 October 2008 meeting. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Secretary Bernardo made a motion to approve and seal the minutes of the Executive Sessions of 15 October 2008. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Secretary Bernardo made a motion at 12:41 PM to move into Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a) (4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. moved to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to open meeting at 1:20 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4). Mr. Duhamel seconded the motion. Motion carried. No votes were taken at this time. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4). Mr. Duhamel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**(3) 2008-2009 NCEES – Northeast Zone Distinguished Service Award**

**The Board approved the nomination of Chairman Smith for the Northeast Zone Distinguished Service Award as prepared by Secretary Bernardo.**

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**(4) Correspondence sent to DEM regarding Class I Designers – Authority to Design Alternative/Experimental Systems.**

**The Board reviewed Chairman Smith’s correspondence concerning expanding the authority of Class I Designers to engage in the design of alternative/experimental systems.**

**(5) Record Retention Schedule**

**Attorney Bernstein discussed the importance of a record retention schedule for the Division of Design Professionals.**

**(6) On-Line Renewals**

**It was the Board’s decision to invite RI.Gov to their January 21 meeting to discuss on-line PE individual renewals.**

**(7) Scottish Rite Cathedral Contract**

**The Board will prepare a letter to cancel their contract for the rental of the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the PE and FE examinations.**

**(8) 2009 NCEES Board Presidents Assembly**

**Chairman Smith will represent the Board at the 2009 NCEES Board Presidents' Assembly scheduled for February 20-21, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia.**

**(9) Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Examinations and Supporting Materials**

**So noted and filed.**

**(10) Direct Link to the Boards Rules and Regulations**

**Changes were made to the Board's website allowing the general public to have immediate access to the Board's Rules and Regulations.**

**(11) Providence Journal Article from RICE and ASCE regarding Engineers contribution to the Community**

**So noted and filed.**

**(12) Correspondence from Jerry Carter, NCEES Executive Director regarding Foreign Evaluations**

**It was the Board's decision that they will not accept evaluations from Iraq and Afghanistan until such time as official documents can be received and verified in the same fashion as all other foreign degree**

**evaluations.**

**(13) Correspondence received from Lea Strickland of ELSE**

**Chairman Smith will work with Ms. Marshall on adding ELSE information to the Board's web page and also on a sample of an approval letter which the Board must send out to all approved candidates.**

**(14) Attorney Neena Savage to address the Board**

**Attorney Neena Savage, from the Department of Business Regulation legal staff, addressed the Board regarding a Memorandum of Understanding relating to administrative oversight verses substantive oversight of Board decisions.**

**APPLICATIONS:**

**(15) Radoslav Barac**

**Chairman Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Barac in the Electrical discipline. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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**(16) Matthew Durning**

**Chairman Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Durning in the Electrical discipline. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**(17) Robert S. Wilkinson, PE**

**Chairman Smith will send Mr. Wilkinson a letter clarifying the issue of registration as a “Professional Engineer” vs registration as a “Fire Protection Professional Engineer”.**

**(18) Luay S. Esho**

**Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to approve Mr. Esho in the Civil discipline. Chairman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**PE COMITY**

**Mr. Duhamel. made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Belanger, Marc N. MA Civil Knotz, Robert D. NJ Civil**

**Caster, Jr., Gilbert MA Mech. Lam, Kenneth M. CA Elec.**

**Elkhatib, Ghassan F. KS Mech. Markey, Jonathan J. MA Civil**

**Forte, Paul J. NY Civil Pinsky, David E. MA Civil**

**Graser, David J. VA Mech. Schiffer, Jerome J. OH Mech.**

**Heil, Kenneth R. CO Civil Thompson, II, Clarence CA Elec.**

**Hoffman, Garrett G. PA Civil Trenta, James W. OH Civil**

**E.I.T. EXAMINATION**

**Mr. Duhamel made a motion to admit the following individual to the April 2009 Engineer-In-Training examination. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Karraz, Neil**

#### **PE EXAMINATION:**

**Mr. Duhamel made a motion to admit the following individual to the April 2009 Professional Engineering examination. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Wehbe, Edgard**

#### **REINSTATEMENT:**

**Mr. Duhamel made a motion to reinstate Mr. Patel in the Structural discipline pending payment of all back fees and penalties. Mr. Fairbank, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Sandeep N. Patel**

#### **C.O.A. APPLICATIONS;**

**Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorizations listed on the 19 November 2008 list for Corporations, COA'S renewing, and Soles as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with the exception of (0), which were denied. Mr. Duhamel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **ADJOURNED:**

**Chairman Smith informed the Board that the next meeting would be scheduled for 21 January 2009 at 12:00 noon. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 PM. Mr. Duhamel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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**SOLES PAID COMMENTS**

**KIMBERLY BELLEMORE 0 OK CIVIL**

**ALAN E. GOULD 0 OK ELECTRICAL**

**LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP \$50 OK CIVIL ONLY**

**RENEWAL FOR LLP 4 SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL LLP NEEDS  
BOARD APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE A LETTER LEGAL EXISTENCE  
FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE**

**ADDITIONAL INFO. ATTACHED**

**AKF ENGINEERS, LLP \$125 OK MECHANICAL ONLY**

**LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATIONS**

**AKF GROUP LLC \$125 OK MECHANICAL ONLY**

**L.A. FUESS PARTNERS, BOSTON LLC \$125 OK STRUCTURAL**



**SANTO DOMINGO ENGINEERING, LLC \$125 OK CIVIL ONLY**

**CORPORATIONS**

**APPLIED PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY, INC. \$125 OK CIVIL ONLY**

**CORROSION PROBE, INC \$125 OK STRUCTURAL**

**DUNN ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, P.C. \$125 OK CIVIL**

**ERDMAN ARCHITECTURE & ENG. CO. \$125 OK CIVIL & MECH.  
ONLY**

**ESE CONSULTANTS, INC \$125 OK CIVIL**

**HELLMUTH, OBATA & KASSABAUM, P.C. \$125 OK STRUCTURAL  
ONLY**

**MHF DESIGN CONSULTANTS, INC. \$125 OK CIVIL**

**M.J. MCTISH & ASSOCIATES d/b/a \$125 OK CIVIL**

**MCTISH, KUNKEL & ASSOCIATES**

**UNDERGROUND SERVICES, INC \$125 OK CIVIL**

**COA# 5478 NAME CHANGE FROM MARSHALL \$50 OK  
ERDMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO ERDMAN COMPANY**

**COA #5765 CUBELLIS, INC. 0 OK ELECTRICAL ONLY  
ADD MARK RATTENBURY IN RESP. CHRG. REMOVED JAMES  
TRANT AS RESP. CHARGE**

**COA # 5153 EARTH TECH INC. \$50 OK**

**NAME CHANGE FROM EARTH TECH INC. TO AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.**

**COA #5631 GROUNDWATER & ENV. SER. 0 HOLD  
ADD MATTHEW E. HACKMAN IN RESP. CHARGE.**

**COA #5171 SIMPSON, GUPERTZ & HEGEER, INC. 0 OK  
ADD DEAN A RUTILA IN RESP. CHARGE.**

**COA #5438 RENEWAL AND NAME CHANG \$100 OK  
NAME CHANGE FROM TRO/THE RICHIE ORGANIZATION, INC. TO  
TRO JUNG/BRANNEN, INC.**

#### **WITHDRAWALS**

**GOULD ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. OK**

**COA #5502 WITHDREW RENEWAL REMOVED ARTHUR SHELDON'S  
HOLD**